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Docket No. 20867

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing is the UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of:

First Inventor Jaak Van den Syne

Title of invention PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR HIGH PRESSURE GAS QUENCHING IN AN ATMOSPHERIC FURNACE

1. ☐ Cancel Claims:

☒ Filing Fee, calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT						
	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA		\$ RATE	\$ RATE
Basic fee						710
Total claims	16	-20	0	x	18 =	0
Independent claims	2	-3	0	x	80 =	0
Multiple dependent claims(s) per Application (if applicable)				+	270 =	0
Total filing fee						\$ 710

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2440 (a duplicate copy of this Sheet is enclosed for this purpose):

- a. ☒ Filing Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16
- b. ☒ Processing Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17
- c. ☐ Issue Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18
2. ☒ Specification Total Pages: 22
3. ☒ Informal ☐ Formal drawings Total Sheets: 3
4. a. ☒ New Declaration (Signed) (Unsigned) X
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
- i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
- Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. §§1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 6. ☐ Microfiche.
- 7. ☐ Sequence Submission.
- 8. ☐ An Assignment transmittal letter and document or ☐ Assignment in parent case was recorded \_\_\_\_\_ Reel, Frame(s)\_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. ☐ A Power of Attorney executed by the ☐ Inventor(s), ☐ Assignee (with 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement).
- 10. ☐ English Translation.
- 11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement.  
☐ A list of references (Form PTO-1449).  
☐ Copies of references.
- 12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- 13. ☒ Postcards.
- 14. ☐ Other (specify).

15. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

"This is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-Part of prior U.S. Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_ and which in turn is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_."

16. ☐ Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group Art Unit \_\_\_\_\_

17. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 120:

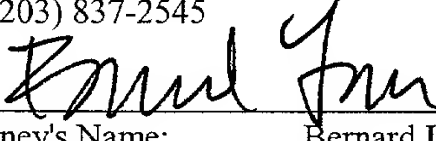
- ☐ The benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 is hereby claimed from the United States application(s) identified in Box 15 above.

18. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119:

- ☐ The benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed from the following foreign application(s):
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s).

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